Private Investment for Development/ Maintenance of National Highways

1143. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to invite private investment (domestic and foreign) to develop and maintain National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features of the crash programme planned to be launched by Government to expand highways and strengthen existing roads and bridges;

(d) the role, if any, proposed to be assigned to the State Governments in the development of National Highways; and

(e) whether any private parties have approached the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India is contemplating to involve private sector in the development and maintenance of National Highways. One of the prerequisites is amendment of the National Highways Act, 1956 which is yet to be done. Since the proposal is still in the initial stages, it is too early to indicate any details.

(c) and (d) The development of National Highways is a continuing process under different development plans. There is no proposal to launch any accelerated programme at present, since the 8th Plan is not yet finalised. In general, the execution and development of National Highways is being carried out through the State Public Works Departments in respect of the National Highways entrusted to them.

(e) Yes, Sir.

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[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Railways under Railway claims Tribunal Act, 1987.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Railways under Railway Act, 1989.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): Madam, I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Railways, under sub-section (3) of section 30 of the Railway Claims Tribunal Act, 1987.—

(i) G.S.R. No. 699(E), dated the 26th November, 1991, publishing the Railway Claims Tribunal (Procedure for investigation of misbehaviour or incapacity of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members) Rules, 1991.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 77(E), dated the 26th November, 1991, publishing the Railway Claims Tribunal (Procedure) Amendment Rules, 1991.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 726(E) dated the 6th December, 1991, publishing the Railway Claims Tribunal (Salaries, Allowances and Conditions of Services of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members) Amendment Rules, 1991. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1405/ 92 for (i) to (iii)]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Railways, under section 199 of the Railways Act, 1989:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 649 dated the 9th November, 1991, publishing the Railways Red Tariff (Second Amendment) Rules, 1991.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 650 dated the 9th November, 1991 publishing the Railways Red Tariff (Third Amendment) Rules, 1991.

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